State House Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 465 – *Election Law – Not-for-Profit Organizations – Attribution of Contributions by Officers*.

This bill provides that specified campaign contributions made by officers of specified not-for-profit organizations are not attributable to the organizations, except under specified circumstances and defines "officer."

House Bill 178, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 465.

Very truly yours, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor

Senate Bill No. 465

AN ACT concerning

Election Law - Not-for-Profit Organizations - Attribution of Contributions by Officers

FOR the purpose of providing that certain campaign contributions made by certain officers of certain not-for-profit organizations are not attributable to the organizations, except under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the attribution of certain contributions by certain officers of certain not-for-profit organizations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Election Law

Section 14-105

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Volume and 2004 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Election Law

14-105.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, an applicable contribution made by an officer, director, or partner of a business entity doing public business shall be attributed to the business entity.